

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system for trading a photo mask includes  
a purchase mediating section configured to exchange  
information with a mask buyer through a network, and  
5 a factory mediating section configured to exchange  
information with a mask factory. The system also  
includes a calculating section, a progress selecting  
section, and a manufacture instructing section. The  
calculating section calculates an estimated price and  
10 an estimated delivery date of a mask product with  
reference to line information about a manufacturing  
line in the mask factory, and price information about  
mask trading prices. The progress selecting section  
transmits the estimated price and the estimated  
15 delivery date to the mask buyer and allows the mask  
buyer to select whether to proceed with manufacture of  
the mask. The manufacture instructing section  
transmits the mask manufacture order to the mask  
factory, when proceeding with manufacture of the mask  
20 is selected.